

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

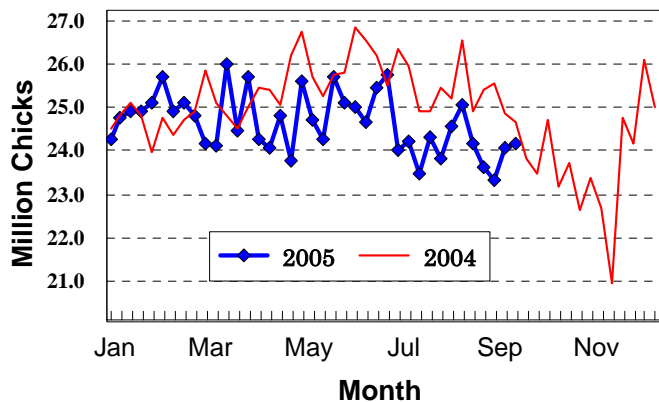
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending September 24. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up slightly from the revised previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 24, 2005 were 961.1 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.4 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.4 percent.

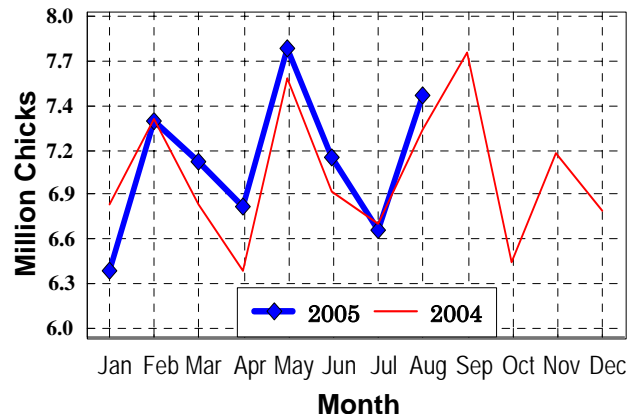
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 24, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.5 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2005, up 3 percent from August 2004.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Aug. 20	26,539	25,069	94
Aug. 27	24,919	24,158	97
Sep. 3	25,421	23,640	93
Sep. 10	25,536	23,344	91
Sep. 17	24,868	24,066	97
Sep. 24	24,656	24,155	98

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Mar.	6,815	7,077	104
Apr.	6,402	6,800	106
May	7,590	7,783	103
Jun.	6,890	7,109	103
Jul.	6,688	6,657	100
Aug.	7,280	7,484	103

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep		20-Aug	27-Aug	03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	
Alabama	31,315	30,853	30,928	30,779	106	21,635	21,617	21,746 *	21,747	21,520	20,919	98
ARKANSAS	30,434 *	29,667	29,276 *	29,694	97	25,069	24,158	23,640	23,344	24,066 *	24,155	98
Delaware	3,835	3,937	3,668	3,797	107	5,954	5,864	5,735	4,032	5,832	5,449	113
Florida	1,394	1,344	1,379	1,364	100	1,511	1,510	1,662	1,492	1,431	1,325	108
Georgia	33,689 *	33,786 *	31,926 *	33,062	108	26,602	26,397	26,778	27,309	26,674 *	26,736	98
Kentucky	6,936	6,837	6,284	6,999	106	6,093	6,226	5,790	5,744	5,875 *	5,758	103
Louisiana	4,027	4,105	3,802	4,105	108	3,936	4,134	3,726	3,880	4,059	4,104	105
Maryland	8,838	8,713	8,509	8,765	102	4,987	5,253	5,526	5,425	5,173	5,160	90
Mississippi	17,523	17,639	17,672	17,626	100	17,240	16,994	14,687	15,322	16,252	15,364	90
N. Carolina	17,523 *	16,936	16,913	18,307	103	15,168	14,472	15,033	14,904	14,635	13,654	98
Oklahoma	6,466 *	6,669	6,377	6,332	110	4,907	4,387	4,998	5,358	5,311	4,492	78
Pennsylvania	4,170	4,283	3,860 *	3,994	108	3,134	3,011	2,926	3,041	2,977 *	3,018	104
S. Carolina	4,796	5,120	5,151	4,859	121	4,721	5,003	4,140	4,318	4,369 *	4,739	126
Texas	15,053	14,972	14,505	14,227	94	12,599	12,089	11,758	12,753	12,793	12,608	100
Virginia	6,182	6,112	6,030	6,272	100	5,172	5,207	5,111	4,780	4,919	5,288	105
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,225	18,238	16,789 *	17,864	107	16,230	17,826	16,515	17,496	16,946 *	17,607	107
Total 2005	210,406 *	209,211 *	203,069 *	208,046		174,958	174,148	169,771 *	170,945	172,832 *	170,376	
Total 2004	209,170	202,622	197,407	201,405		176,170	175,177	174,771	174,977	173,376	172,022	
% Prev. Year	101	103	103	103		99	99	97	98	100	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 208 million eggs during the week ending September 24, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 24, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 24, 2005 were 6.67 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.